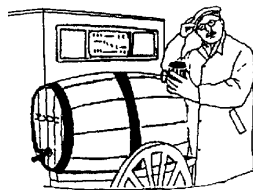


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Milk Street Win

It's become rather a tradition within the branch to honour a commitment to present awards festival prize winners. Most of us enjoy the change and usually have the pleasure of sampling beers that may not be so well known, as the brewers are eager to test their new brews on people who do tend to drink real ale regularly.

At Summerfest last year Milk Street Brewery's Amarillo was voted Beer of the



Richard Knox, Branch chairman, presents a certificate to Rick Lyall and Nick Bramwell of Milk St Brewery.

Festival and we were delighted to visit the brewery in November to present the award. The brewery is part of the Griffin public house and takes its name from the street in which it is located. Established in 1999 by Rick Lyall former head brewer at Hop Back Brewery and Bunces Brewery this tiny micro has always brewed imaginative brews. Amarillo, as its name suggests, uses American Amarillo hops which give a wonderfully citrus fruity flavour.

In keeping with the nature of a small brewery using all natural products, we were treated to sandwiches made from the most gorgeous fresh farmhouse loaf I

can remember – perfect for soaking up a pint or two of ales available that night.

Ian

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Your Public House Officer Calling

Happy New Year. The year 2004 was certainly an interesting year. The good news is that appeals against the refusal of Salisbury Council to grant permission to turn the Butt of Ale (Sunnyhill Road, Salisbury) and the site of the Appletree Inn (Morgans Vale) into housing, have both been rejected by Her Majesty's Inspector of Planning. This upholds and validates Salisbury Councils planning policy with respect to public houses and can only serve to strengthen it. Good news for rural pubs and the satellite communities of Salisbury. My hope is that developers will stop seeing our pubs as housing sites and turn their greedy eyes somewhere else. Prevention is better than cure – it takes a long time for planning procedures go through the system and the meantime the pub is shut.

Thus, even now the Butt of Ale is still closed. However, there appears to be a genuine effort ongoing to reopen the pub – but it will have been closed for nearly two years.

The situation at the Appletree Inn is complicated by the fact that the building was destroyed by an accidental fire. It is a great pity for the residents of Morgans Vale that the cost and viability of rebuilding the pub have become a major issue here.

Now the bad news from 2004, lost are the Barley Bow (Greencroft Street, Salisbury) - being converted into flats and The Moon (Woodside Road, Bemerton Heath, Salisbury), probably to be developed as an unlicensed community facility. The Bull (Fisherton Street, Salisbury) closed towards the end of 2004 and it looks as though it may be redeveloped. City centre pubs are not protected by the same planning policy discussed above and it is difficult to mount a successful campaign to keep them. It will not stop me. What is needed is a strong case and good support.

On to the New Year. 2005 arrived with the news that two of our pubs had recently closed and there was great alarm from local residents concerned about their pubs future.

The Pembroke Arms, Fovant. A 17th century ivy-clad building with views from the garden across to the nearby hills and the last pub in the vicinity. Very much a community centre the pub needs to be retained for the benefit of the whole community. It seems that a buyer has been found who wants to continue to run it as a pub.

The Cross Keys, Upper Chute. Tucked up on the Hampshire border the village is off the beaten track, and the pub serves as the heart of the community. Being on the old sheep drove the pub has magnificent panoramic views. Again, a community centre that needs to be retained.

In both cases, local feeling about the possible loss of their pub is high. I will use my position to advise and help as much as possible. In the case of Upper Chute, this comes under Kennet District Council. Their published planning policy is not as clear as that of Salisbury and I expect they may get used to seeing the CAMRA logo in their mail!

Richard

In 2005, the new licensing laws come into effect. In my next column I will attempt to explain what the policy will be in Salisbury as this does have

Summerfest 2

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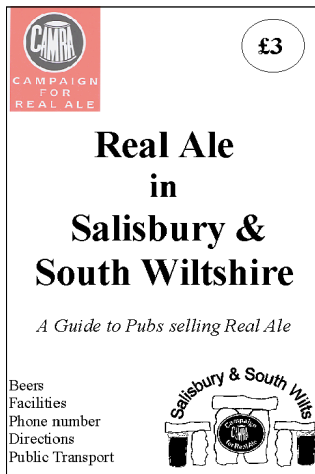
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Salisbury Winterfest VIII

It doesn't seem long ago that we first held a Winterfest so that you could have the chance to try some of the brews only available at that time of year. In 1998 we had a choice of 16 Beers. This year we were able to offer you 22 and once again we were pleased to find that they were all in good condition and all found favour with some of you.

Over the three sessions of the festival you drank a total of 166 $\frac{3}{4}$ gallons of beer and this year it was the Saturday drinkers who had the greatest thirst with both sessions averaging 5 pints per person.

We were pleased that so many of you filled in the voting forms so the winning beers are ones appreciated by lots of you not just a few hardened voters.

The Beer of the Festival Winner was Woodfordes Wherry and the Runner up was Nethergate Umbel Magna.

Look out for reports on visits to these breweries to present the certificates.

Hilary

Branch Bus-About

As a branch we try to get around all of the pubs in our branch area every few years. Its easy to get to your favourite or your closest pub but what of the others, and what of drinking with the car!

We organise about 9 minibus trips a year which are subsidised from branch funds and get us out and about in the area. In January we went West and visited The Bell at South Newton, The Compasses at Chicksgrrove, The Black Dog at Chilmark and The Wyndham Arms at Dinton. All served us beer in good condition and between them all there was a variety of different brews and breweries mainly fairly local ones. I enjoyed my Bass in the Compasses and the Black Dog and I'm a fan of a good pint of Bass. New to the area and available in the Bell and the Black Dog was Palmers Copper Ale - a rich amber coloured malty beer. Also on offer through the evening were Archers City of Truro - you see Archers around here a bit more now and its usually very tasty, Wadworths 6X, Ringwood Best and Hop Back GFB and Crop Circle. We are planning trips North onto the edge of the Plain, East around Winterslow and West again along the Chalke Valley. Keep an eye on Barrel Organ for the details of dates or Join CAMRA and see them in What's Brewing. Members get priority if we are short of seats on the bus!

Mike

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The 6th Twickenham Beer and Cider Festival

We struggled in eventually, the legendary Bonk, the saucy Sister and I. And even later a talkative Gerbil. By that time the rest of us were well on the way through the list of 65 brews, 8 ciders, and 4 perries.

It is usual at this festival that some unusual beers are showcased, as well as some old favourites and best of all, a varied selection from relatively local breweries. So there were for instance, Arran Dark and Atlas from Scotland, Bullmastiff from Glamorgan, Facers from Salford, and Three Bs from Lancashire to represent the unusual. Battersea, Chiltern, Dark Star, Fullers, Grand Union, Hogs Back, W J King, Rebellion and 1648 (brewed in the King's Head in Hoathly, E Sussex); and old favourites such as Jennings, Hop Back, Woodfordes and Oakham. It was particularly pleasant to see for the first time the Downton Brewery represented at a non-local festival, but a pity that the Chimera Oktober wasn't available to try. This leads cunningly to my next point which is my one quibble with this particular fest, namely that a lot of beers were not on during the session I attended. Russet (4%) from Cheriton was one such, and others included Fuller's Red Diamond (6.3%) and their Vintage Ale (8.5%), Hogs Back's Hair of the Dog, and Titanic's offerings as well.

I particularly missed the Fullers beers because they were amongst the strongest on the list and I do like a pint of good strong ale. There were compensations, however, in the form of some nice dark beers, of which the Espresso Stout from Dark Star was particularly striking. I shall undoubtedly go there again, it's a tradition now, but I do think the policy that Salisbury CAMRA has of trying to keep a quantity of each beer for each session would be a good one to adopt.

Hilton.

Following the T Shirt Trail

Hop Back Brewery first circulated their "Been there, bought the T Shirt" campaign in the July edition of "What's Brewing". My immediate thought was that I would have to be mad to spend all that time and money going around all those pubs when I could enjoy the entire range of beers within three miles of my home in Salisbury. However a closer look at my business and social diaries gave me a few ideas.....

I have been putting on far too much weight recently but I am sure my wife must be wrong when she blames it on the beer (isn't she?). Therefore a little healthy exercise wouldn't come amiss and the Wyndham Arms and the Duck weren't too far away. It was an early Friday evening but the Wyndham Arms was in full swing so I drank my pint of GFB standing up. The barmaid stamped my card without comment so I assume I was not the first to come along. The Duck was quieter. In fact Lynn the landlady and I were the only two in. I enjoyed a chat and two pints of Summer Lighting while hearing of the plans to develop this wonderful pub further. I resisted the temptation to call a taxi (I am tight arsed) and walked home.

I called in the Bull at Downton the following day coming home from a barbecue. For once I broke a golden rule by buying a pint when I had to drive home afterwards but since I had been on coca cola at the party I was well within the legal limit.

The Waterloo Arms was my next objective. I had arranged with Sarum Ex Table to watch Hampshire play Kent in the 20/20 cricket tournament at the Rose Bowl. Mark Worrall and I arranged to travel by train and stop off at the Waterloo for a few before the match. This we did in spite of a slight navigational error on my part that added half a mile to our journey.

Next came a business trip to London. Since I own a network card I can buy tickets a lot more cheaply than the companies purchasing department who are more than happy to accept this arrangement. Following my business in central London I took the tube to Colliers Wood and walked in bright sunshine to the Sultan for a cooling pint of GFB. I spoke to Sharon the barmaid and her mother Janet who organises the barbecues and buffets at the Sultan Socials. It was such a hot day I had to have another GFB. Another warm walk to Wimbledon Station and a short hop by train to Weybridge followed by a far longer walk to the Jolly Farmer. Here I fell in with a group of young Americans on a visit to Britain. We chatted about life and society on both sides of the Atlantic and consumed unknown quantities of GFB and Best. I floated back to the station at dusk. In early August I had to attend a training course in central Birmingham. This produced my first big dilemma as to travel either via Reading or Bristol. The former route was chosen as it provided the only rail link to get me there in time. This entailed an early start and I arrived still only half awake. By the evening I was more alert and able to stop off at reading and visit the Hop Leaf. More Beer and a chat with Debbie the landlady whose parent run the Dolphin in Weymouth. I would have stayed longer had I known that the trains were being delayed by signalling problems left over from the previous Tuesday's flash floods that created havoc for those travelling home from the GBBF. Seven down and four to go. Next was the Dolphin at Weymouth; close to the venue for the Wessex CAMRA regional meeting on 14th August. A nice sunny day, an excellent train journey and a warm and friendly pub. I believe we stopped off on the way back from the regional meeting but things were getting a little hazy by then.

I had now run out of excuses to visit places with Hop Back pubs in the vicinity. Swindon and Devizes are not places I have reason to visit. As I was now on holiday I bought an all in bus ticket that allowed me to visit both towns with enough time to get me to Bristol in the evening. I got to the Southgate just after half past eleven in the morning to find it closed. Eddie the landlord opened up and let me have a GFB. His is the only pub to use a green stamp on the card. His reason was that he likes to be different! His barmaid Olivia showed me where the Swindon bus left and I was walking into the Glue Pot at

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just after half past one.

The Glue Pot is the most recently acquired Hop Back pub and still has the Archers sign outside. It has a large and airy bar with pews for seating and well scrubbed pine tables. Beside the beer Mike the landlord serves a variety of food and I enjoyed lunch there.

I had not intended to go to Bristol that day but decided that if I missed a bus connection back to Salisbury I could get the train. Following another long walk on a very hot afternoon I found the Coronation down a side street near the dual carriageway that bears its name. A final (two) pint (s) of GFB and an excited comment from Beth the barmaid that mine was the first complete card she had ever seen.

I had to get the train.....

Finally a registered letter to Hop Back and confirmation via Richard Harvey that they had received my card. It was a nice touch of the brewery to add two beer tokens to the T Shirt and glass. I drank both at the Wyndham

Arms.....

Where I began!

Andrew Hesketh

The 6th Poole Beer Festival - October 2004

Our annual trip to this usually excellent festival was delayed by an hour spent in the quest for a campervan (unsuccessful). We descended thirstily upon the 76 or so beers with a sense of urgency. At least, I did; Jill was a little more circumspect about wholesale immersion in beer. The Steele brothers now semi-qualified Heating Engineers had gone on ahead and along with Robin the Botanist, were busy plumbing the depths of some of the barrels when we arrived so with their recommendations ringing in our ears, we filled our glasses before examining the programme with more purpose.

A lovely selection there was too with a sterling showing by the Isle of Purbeck Brewery, a primary sponsor and supplier of Fossil Fuel (4.1%), Solar Power (4.3%) and Studland Bay Wrecked (4.5%). Also an excellent selection of brews from around the country with, it always seems to me, a particularly good representation of dark ones, milds, porters and stouts. To my enormous chagrin the Anchor Street Porter from Crouch Vale, one of my favourite styles, from one of my favourite breweries, and a brew new to me as well, was not on whilst we were there. However, the likes of Banks & Taylor Black Dragon, Dark Star's Espresso Stout, Downton's Chimera Wheat Beer, Exmoor Beast, Hooky Dark (Hook Norton) Entire Stout (no prizes for guessing the brewery), Hydes Dark Mild, and Nethergate's Old Growler were available.

The Atlas brewery was represented, with Latitude (at 3.6% one of the lower strengths there but with a taste that belies the strength) which I mention because we found both the beer and later the brewery unexpectedly whilst on holiday in Scotland during the summer.

The stronger beers included Arundel Old Knocker (which I voted my favourite) Exmoor Beast, Robinson's Old Tom, and the staggering, a word I choose advisedly, Thomas Sykes Old Ale (10%) from Burton Bridge. The latter found particular favour with our pipe bending mates who, having discovered it, made a determined effort to empty it on their own.

We had to rush off after an X3 to get home so didn't get to see whether this laudable enough aim was achieved, but we did manage to miss the bus! I insist that Thos. Sykes was not responsible for this at all, but it's worth noting for the future that for both arrival and departure, it's best to head for Branksome Station, any old Wilts & Dorset bus stop you may see in the distance will not necessarily do the trick.

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Branch Diary

March 2005

Wed 2 nd	Branch Meeting	20.00 Royal George
Wed 16 th	Wilton Crawl	20.00 Wheatsheaf, 21.00 Bell, 22.00 Bear
Sat 19 th	Coach Trip	Green Dragon & Braishfield?

April 2005

Wed 6 th	Branch Meeting	20.00 Winchester Gate
Sat 16 th	Coach Trip	Chitterne, Tilshead, Shrewton
Wed 20 th	POTY Presentation	8 pm Village, 8.30 Victoria & Albert (Branch Transport)

May 2005

Wed 4 th	Branch Meeting	20.00 Village Freehouse
Sat 14 th	Tisbury	18.40 Rail Station, 19.30 Boot
Wed 18 th	City Crawl	20.00 Grey Fisher, 21.00 Three Crowns 22.00 Old Mill

Look out for further details or log on to
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Further dates to be arranged: the branch meeting is on the first Wednesday of every month, there are monthly pub crawls, regular coach trips to country pubs, trips out on public transport and visits to breweries.

Names for coach trips to Chris White
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Barrel Organ - The New Look

As you have probably noticed - this isn't the January publication but the March one. Rather than only produce Barrel Organ on an occasional basis I have decided to change it.

Barrel Organ will continue to feature news about local pub closures, and when they are saved. You will still be able to find out what the local branch are doing, and what they have done. Instead of 12 pages as and when you will get 4 pages only but it will be produced every 2 months.

So look out for the New Look coming in June.

Any articles, news and views or requests for advertising should be sent to the Editor.

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